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Thackaray *et al.*

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**REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(b) and 1.193(b)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.193(b) and 1.136(b), Appellants request an extension of time of one month in which to file their Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer. It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct from said fees from Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/ADAA:105/WIM.

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Appellants submit that there is sufficient cause for granting the Request due to the following circumstances: Dr. Thackaray, the first named inventor, resides in South Africa and was on a visit abroad during much of the original time period for response. Accordingly, Dr. Thackaray did not provide his comments regarding the Examiner's Answer to his South African representative until very recently. The inventors' South African legal representative was also on an extended overseas visit during much of the original time period for response. The South African representative is currently analyzing Dr. Thackaray's comments and will provide the U.S. representative with instructions for the preparation of the Reply Brief shortly.

The time specified is reasonable in light of the relatively short time in which to formulate a Reply Brief, the great distance between the inventors, the South African representative and the U.S. representative, and in light of the travel schedules of the inventor and the South African representative.

This Request for Extension under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(b) is filed on or before the day that action by Appellants is due.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3000 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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